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TRADE TURNOVER INCREASED IN NORTH KOREA

Pyongyang, 25 May -- The Pyongyang radio reports that in the 3 years since the organization of consumers' cooperatives in North Korea, trade turnover has increased substantially. In the first quarter 1949, trade turnover exceeded the 1945 turnover two times, and in the second quarter 1949, three times. Several thousand trading centers, including many within industrial enterprises, have opened in the last 3 years. Cooperative trade is developing side by side with State trade and is playing an important role in stabilizing the market.

Consumers' cooperatives have created a number of manufacturing and auxiliary enterprises for service to workers. As of 30 March 1949, 375 industrial enterprises, producing 42 different types of consumers' goods, had been organized in the cities. A total of 555 dining enterprises, barbershops, baths, sewing workshops, and other public service enterprises are now in operation.

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